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BONSPIRED TO DROWN TROOPS

Irishman Arrested in New York Conspiracy Case Visited Quebec to Study the Situation.

CASES CONNECT

J. S. Authorities Are Beginning to See the Various Plots Are Interwoven.

New York Report-The arrest today of Edmund Justice, a night watchman employed by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, was declared by Federal officials to supply the "missing link" in a chain of evidence proving that the steamship company was the financial agent of the German Government in various plots against American neutrality alleged to have been uncovered by the Department of Justice. He is an Irishman and was born in Cork.

Justice was arrested as an employe and fellow-conspirator of Paul Koenig, head of the Hamburg-American detective bureau, who is charged with plotting to blow up the Welland Canal. Shortly after Justice's arrest, a lawyer representing Koenig appeared before United States Commissioner Houghton and gave \$30,000 bail for the appearance of Justice at a hearing set for January 12. This makes a total of more than \$100,000 supplied by the Hamburg-American Company as bail for men accused of plots against American neutrality.

SENT TO QUEBEC.

It is charged in the complaint that, under Koenig's direction, Justice went Department, has been decided upon to Quebec in September, 1914, and there gained information for the Ger-While the complaint does not say so, the authorities hint that Koenig submitted this information to German representatives in Washington, and that it was transmitted to Berlin to the German general staff.

It is also hinted by the Federal authorities that information which Justice, who also met in Quebec Fredk. Metzler, who was Koenig's private secretary, was used by Germans in this country in planning acts of violence in the Dominion of Canada, and that underlying all this was a plan for torpedoing troopships that sailed from Canada for England.

The complaint on which Justice was prested says specifically that the arpose of Koenig and Justice was "to certain the number of troops which ere being transported by the Dominof Canada to ports in France and sat Britain, the names of the steamsat Driver, the hames of the steam of the st upplies which were being shipped A year ago, when the license fees was fined \$300, with the am the Ciminion to France and Freat Critain, and other information which would or might be of value to the German Government, and which would assist the military operations of the German Government."

The complaint charges that the undectaking was one of hazard and came within the purview of the statute for bidding the undertaking of any military venture from this country as a basis of operations. It says further that Justice and Metzler left this city on September 15, 1914, and went to Quebec; that Koenig left here on September 18 and met Metzler in Portland, Maine, and that he went to Burlington, Vermont, where on September 25 he conferred with Justice.

The authorities also say that Metzler and Justice gained a most varied assortment of information in Quebee; that they inspected the fortifications there, went to the training camps, observed the number of men the condition of the man and estinated the time when they would be sent to the front. It is said they the grant toward county roads conobtained information concerning the struction, and of contributing 20 per movements of the transports and the cent. toward maintenance—the latter course they would take on their trip being estimated at \$69,000. to either France or Great Britain

The preparation of this complaint is regarded as the beginning of a series of charges that will be made against Koenig and other men. It also is thought possible that within a Daily Turkish Recital of Gains is short time enough information will have been gathered to associate Koenig as a figure in the background of the alleged plot of Ropert Fay and others to blow up munition : rying ships. The Federal authousies, starting in a systematic manner, have gone ment: back to the beginning of the war and are developing the incidents in a chrenological order.

The Federal authorities had hopes that Justice, when grabbed, would make a confession. I've defendant was pur on the thrill for three hours, ut servous and excited, admitted my what the inquisitors showed him oof of as to his visits to Canada, and would give nothing more.

NOT A SQUEALER." "You can cut my aches and my legs off," he said, "nut you can t

make me talk. It won't be said by my children that their father is a egrealer. No, I am not pro-German, I am anti-L'itish." But Justice seemed greatly worried

and when he got into outre and was assaigned before United States Commissioner Houghton one of his first remarks was: "I want to find out what my employers are going to do for me." He referred to the Hamburg-American Line officials. The Federa: grant jury, which has been investigating the activities of

Franz Rintelen, the member of the Imperial German naval staff and who is now a prisoner of war in England, practically completed to-day its work so far as Eintelen : campaign in influencing the labor interests in this country is concerned. It is expected that next week indictments will be returned against more than six per-

Three Celebrated Men Have Passed to Their Rest.

London Cable B. A. Hawksley, a close friend and adviser of the late Cecil Rhodes, died in London Tuesday,, it is anounced. Mr. Hawksley was a trusce of the will of Mr. Rhodes.

Arthur Hughes, last of the pre-Raphaelite painters, died at Kew yes-He was friend and fellow worker of John Millais, Gabriel Rozetti, Wm. Holmes-Hunt, John Ruskin and William Morris.

(By Times Special Wire.) New York, Dec. 23.—Dr. Daniel G. Elliott, zoologist and lecturer on natnight at his home here. He was born in this city eighty years ago, and was associated with the American Museum of Natural History since its beginning. Dr. Elliott was a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and a member of many other learned societies.

License Branch is Transferred to Highways Department.

Revenue Likely to Pay for Road Improvements.

Toronto Despatch—An administrative change that the motorists and good roads enthusiasts of the Province have been advocating for a year or two past-the incorporation of the Auto License branch in the Highways by the Ontario Government.

Although no official statement of the reasons for the shift was given other than that the Highways Department is the logical place for the Auto License branch, it is understood that Hon. Ma. Macularmid, Minister of Public Works, contemplates the adoption of the principle of setting aside all revenue secured by way of taxation of automobiles for highway improvements in the province.

Up to the present the expenditure on highway improvement in Ontario has borne no direct relation to the revenue from automobiles, although the Government has been giving, in assistance to county road construction, more than it has received from the motorists. During the provincial year just closed, however, the new automobile license fees brought the

basis, the attitude of the motorists elected to go to prison. was that if they had to contribute more to the Provincial Treasury the money should go toward the improvement of the highways of Ontario.

The new policy will, it is said, meet the point raised. The license fees will be considered as revenue of the Highways Department and should, before long, be large enough, with the increase in the number of automobiles in the province, to take care of the Government's share of expenditure, not only upon construction, but maintenance as well.

Whether the change will be followed by the payment of the incregrants toward maintenance provided for in the legislation of last session is a matter for the Government to decide. It is probable that this will depend upon the relation between revenue and the present statutory highways expenditure. On the basis of last year's figures the revenue would fall short of meeting an in-

MORE VICTORIES

Continued.

Constantinople Cable, via London Cable—The Turkish War Office tonight gave out the following state-

"Along the entire northern front our troops are approaching the barbed wire entanglements of the enemy

"On the Dardanelles front near Seddal Bahr there have been temporary artillery and bombing encounters. Our artillery on the Anatolian coast of the straits successfully bombarded Mortoliman and the landing places at Tekke Burnu. Near Mortoliman we sunk two small boats and near Tekke a small ammunition vessel. In one sector cleared of the enemy we found provi- forwarded by Reuter's correspondent, sions of all kinds, sufficient for an army corps, for a long time, 1,000,000 sand bags, some thousands of tents, 500 blankets, 400 stretchers, one mortar near Aghime Dere, and many mor-

tar bombs hidden in the ground.
"On the Irak front (in Mesopotamia) near Kut-el-Amara our artillery sunk two enemy monitors and caused an explosion on board another by a direct hit.

"On the Caucasus front an enemy atack in the enighborhood of Id (in Turkish Armenia) on Dec. 20 cost him eight officers and 300 men, while our losses amounted to only one-third of this number.

"In a magazine on the Golden Horn a quantity of dynamite exploded. Five soldiers and ten civilians were killed and a number of civilians wounded. One house was burned."

The good die young, especially if they happen to be red headed.

THE DEATH ROLL SHORT ITEMS OF THE NEWS OF THE DAY

Berlin Reports That Roumania's Grain Crop Has Been Sold to Germany.

LOGWOOD FOR U.S.

ural history, died of pneumonia last Report of Serious Illness of Bernhardt, the Actress, is Denied.

Gimli, Man., carried local option.

have enlisted for the war. J. J. Thomas, long engaged in piano manufacture, died at Guelph.

Old Knox College, Toronto, may be used as a convalescent home for returned disabled soldiers. The Italian consular agent for the Niagara district charges that employ-

ers importune Italians to remain in The report that Sarah Bernhardt is dangerously ill is characterised in a Havas lespatch from Paris as unfounded

Great Britain has permitted the exportation of logwood from Jamaica to

the United States, provided Canada is cared for. Local option and a Hydro by-law are absorbing public interest in Sar-

nia to the exclusion of other municipal election issues. The Rockefeller Foundation is considering a plan to send a number of surgeons to Mexico to stop the typhus

epidemic reported there. Major-General L. Kiggell, now assistant to the chief of the Imperial general staff, will become chief of the general staff of Sir Douglas Haig. Wasil Mastalyr, an Austrian, was

found guilty at Oshawa of breaking into a store, and was committed to the Kingston Penitentiary for three vears. A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says that Count Zeppelin, builder of dirigibles has been elected

a member of the First Chamber of Wuerttemberg. Lloyd Bingham, member of the Ford peace party, died at Christiania, Norway, of pneumonia. He was the husband of Amelia Bingham, the Ameri-

can actress. General Bertram, formerly head of the old Shell Committee has, it is said, was deputy head.

when the horse-power of three months in jail. Northcott ers is the largest on the west front Mr. B. W. Sherwood, of the Auditor-

General's branch, has been appointed to the resition of assistant accountant in the House of Commons, in succession to Mr. D. W. Cameron, now accountant. Part of the stores of W. H. Thorne

Co., Limited, on Market square, St. John, N. B., were gutted by fire on Wednesday night. The loss is esti-mated at \$150,000. The concern carried \$200,000 insurance.

Magistrate Denison, Teronto, decid-ed that there should be convictions in the cases of James E Mulligan and P. Gaudet, F. Lassman and J. A. Gillis, C.P.R. conductors charged with stealing money from the company.

while deranged as a result of continued ill-health, jumped to her death from the top of the windmill on the farm in sight of her husband and three

According to a Bucharest despatch has been finally arranged, a satisfic- Fricourt, on both sides of La Bassee Bird, the Progressive leader, pubtory agreement on the method o pay Canal and at Ypres. Our artillery rethe German and Roumania 1 negotia-

Montreal City Council decided, by 16 Paris Cable.—The following of throw his hat in the ring about the fine the Curbon Legisla. Sicial communication was issued by throw his hat in the ring about March 1 Until that time he will make votes to 11, to ask the Quebre Legislature for a referendum to abelish the Board of Control, and by a vote of 16 to 10 the Council decided to ask for legislation to extend the term of Mayor and aldermen from two years to four years.

300 WOMEN DEAD

As Result of Blowing Up of German Powder Factory.

London Cable—According to advices to The Amsterdam Telegraaf, a powder factory and several ammunition depots at Muenster, Westphalia, have been blown up. Great damage was done to the town, the newspaper

adds. Later advices from Amsterdam state that according to accounts received there 300 of the 600 women employed in the Muenster powder mill were killed.

The whole supply of munitions in the depot was destroyed. The explosion was traced to accidental causes.

ENTIRE WAR LOAN ALLOTTED. Ottawa, Report.—Allotment of the one fundred milion dollar war loan is now paid which, it will be remembered was initiated as one of fifty millions and was afterwards increased to twice that was because of the over-subscribed have been allotted their subscribed in the with the exception of the banks. The latter have been allotted to their subscribed in the banks. The latter have been allotted to their subscribed in the banks. The latter have been allotted to their subscribed in the banks.

BADFOR GERMANS EXTENSION

Involve Her. Too.

London Cable Few of the leading newspapers comment to-day on the latest American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona.

"The note is quite polite," says the Daily News, in an editornal, "sut it leaves no room for evasion. Thus there can no longer be doubt as to the real gravity of the crisis. Left to herself, Austria would probably meet the ultimatum with defiance, but whatever else happens, it is certain that Austria cannot and will not be left to herself in this matter.

The gravity of the situation consists in the fact that a breach with Austria must almost inevitably involve Germany. It may still be possible for Germany to avert the threatened storm by forcing Austria to do public penance, but this can scarcely One thousand Ontario Boy Scouts be done without great damage to the prestige of the central powers.

"From the viewpoint of civilization, nothing better could happen than that America should be able, without an open breach, to force upon the contral powers a public acknowledgment of their violations of the laws of humanity. No sensible man knowing America's great neutral services can desire a rupture between her and the Central Powers."

The Standard says: "The American Government shows no disposition to waste time in prolonged controversy. The note is not a whit too strong, for the Washington Government has been treated by Austria-Hungary with polite insolence more galling than the more brusque tone of Berlin. That President Wilson has resolved not to be played with by Vienna as he was by Berlin is due, not to the deeper guilt of Austria, but to the conviction of the American people after the recent revelations that there was but one way to deal with a Government so deeply tainted with lawlessness and insincerity."

FRENCH GAIN

Capture of German Trenches in the Vosges Has Good Result.

Ends a Situation Which Was Bad for Allies.

London Cable. The success of the French at Hartmans Weillerkopf, resigned from the Imperial Munitions in the Vosges, is regarded in the allied capitals as not only a brilliant, but a J. E. Northcott, charged with selling useful operation, at a point where the liquor without a license at Oshawa, situation has been most difficult for useful operation, at a point where the since the great Champagne-Loos offensive.

The fact that the French retained all but a small portion of the captured trenches is held to be significant. The successful action of the French at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf was made for the purpose of bringing to an end a situation which the French regarded as intoterable. On the summit of this mountain there had been incessant fiving by both sides. The trenches were separated by only a very small

distance. The result of the fighting was an appreciable loss of men each The French success resulted from careful artillery preparation and the dashing onslought of the troops. The Mrs Edward Webb, of Middlemarch, Germans have been forced back some distance on the eastern slopes

of the mountain. BRITISH REPORT. daughters, one of whom was to be mar-British official statement was issued

to-night: to Berlin, the exportation of 50,000 heen artillery activity on many porcar loads of grain of various sorts tions of the front, principally about which is owned by Charles Sumner plied effectively."

FRENCH REPORT.

"In Belgium the artillery displayed main passive."

activity in the region of Het Sas and Boesinghe. To the south of Arras by a close political and personal there has been successful shelling friend of the former President. Here around Beaurains. We expleded a is the manner in which the situation mine which seriously damaged an will likely shape up: enemy trench along the road to Lille. "Col. Roosevelt will endeavor to "Before Dancourt, in the region of keep silent practically until after Roye, a strong German patrol, taken New Year's Day. On Jan. 28 he will under our fire, fled, abandoning sev- issu- a bugic call to the Pennsyvania

"On the heights of the Meuse, in the nobly by him in Philadelphia. sector of the Bouchot wood, our batteries violently bombarded the adverse lilinois "Buil Mooses" in Chicago. trenches and caused the explosion of Following that he will go to the West a munitions depot.

In the Vosges, at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, after a series of local actions, the enemy gained a footing in one section of the trenches which we captured yesterday, and which were held by our advanced detachments. The number of German prisoners taken at this point surpasses

HOUSE PASSES

British Commons Gets Eight Months Longer Life.

Question of Number Recruited Up Before Members.

London Cable —The House of Commons to-day passed the bill prelonging the life of the present Parliament. An attempt was made to introduce

an amendment, the effect of which would be to bury the Plural Voting Bill, but, on the plea of A. Bonar Law, Secretary for the Colonies, the motion was withdrawn. The bill was passed without division.

Apparentity there, is no prospect of the results of the Ear! of Derby's recruiting campaign becoming known until Parliament reassembles on January 4

Lord Derby's report was under con. sideration by the Cabinet to-day, but Premier Asquith told the Commons that he would be unable to make a statement regarding it before adjournment to-morrow, adding that the information would be first given to Parliament.

The British Treasury advanced £200,000,000 to British firms to enable them to meet their obligations during the early days of the war. In giving this information to the Commons to-day, Mr. McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, added that 82 per cent. of these advances had already been repaid, only £35,500,000 being outstanding on November 30

Replying to an enquiry from Sir Alfred Moritz Mond as to whether the whole three million of men previously authorized had been recruited. Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary-Under Secretary for War, said in behalf of the Government in the House of Commons to-day that he believed the Government was still "on the safe side; that is, we have not yet broken the law by recruiting beyond the authorized limit."

"I state this as my belief," he added, "although I would not really like to swear to it."

Mr. Tennant was also asked how great a reserve was necessary to keep the army in the field up to its proper strength. He replied: "For every man we keep abroad we ought to have at home in reserve 1.8, this being a year's supply of men at a monthly wastage of fifteen per cent."

London Cable On being questioned in regard to the recent Turkish official statement to the effect that, after successful fighting, ' Turkish troops were advancing on the British port of Aden, in southern Arabia, J. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for India, said in the House of Commens to-day there had been no material change at Aden for the last two

"On Dec. 20 there was a skirm!sh between our cavalry scouts and an enemy patrol," he continued, "the en-emy lost nine killed and one priscaer. Our casualties were one wounded."

T. R. TO RUN

Bull Moose Leader Candidate for ring capitals has street traffic suffer-Presidential Nomination.

Boston Despatch - (In Montreal Boston Despatch — (In Montreal war have been replaced. Paris' ho-Gazette)—The Boston Advertiser, tels have reduced their prices to a dated Dec. 21, which says:

March 1. Until that time he will re-

"This statement was made to-night

Progressives, who have stood so "On Feb. 13 he will talk to the

Indies, where he will remain for three weeks, resting up for the battle that is to follow. "Upon his return, it is declared, the former President will openly admit that he is a candidate. Ormsby McHarg who took a prominent part in Col. Rosevel's campaign in 1912.

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ANOTHER VICTIM

More Trouble in Store for Lieuten. ant Accused of Murder.

Lordon Cable The Hampshire ecurty police are now investigating the mysterious disappearance of a Canadian soldier from Bramshots comp, and it is possible that the case may have an intimate connection with the murder of Sergt Cannie, with which Lieut. George Coderre, of Slierbrooks, Quebec, is charged. At the Ozanne inquest the orderly, Keller, words: "D:n't spear, Inc; I have just killed a man I killed that than hecause there was only him that saw me kill Assommer, a man I was afraid to rass a court-martial."

This statement, rendered in Quebes French at the inquest, pussled the interpreter, but was ultimately interpreted as an admission en Coderre's part to Keller that he had killed Ozanne because the latter saw him kill another man.

The name of the missing man, for whom the police are searching, has not been divulged, but the correspondent understands that he was connected with the same canteen as the dead sergeant. As supporting the possible plea of

insanity in Coderre's defence, it is learned that he was in a motor accident, at Valcartier, when his injuries were such as to unbalance his mind for two days.

The case was called again to-day in the police court at Alton, in Hampshire, and the hearing lasted for several hours. The evidence largely dealt with Coderre's financial operations, and his troubles with his superior officers over dishonored cheques. It was shown that he had exchanged canteen money for Sergt. Ozanne in London, and the appointment made and kept between the two on the day of the murder was for the purpose of making a settlement. Lance-Corporal Keller, the orderly, reiterated the statement which he made at the inquest, this time without an interpreter. The inquiry was arjourned until to-morrow.

LONDON CALM IN CONSCIOUS POWER

Neutral Correspondent Tells Berlin Paper of Impressions.

Is Least Affected of Any of War Capitals.

Amsterdam Cable—The "strong sense of power and of self-confidence that seems to be the very atmosphere of England," is commented upon by Dr. Hans Vorst, a professedly mouthat correspondent, in recounting his impressions on a recent visit to England to the Berliner Tageblatt. He begins his article by telling of meeting a Russian Government official in London, who, after a rather despondent review of the operations on the Russian front said: "At any rate, one feels quite at ease and heartened

again after a few days in London." This statement interested Dr. Vorst. He decided to make a closer investing tion of the Russian's remark, and found that he himself soon succumbed to the sense of London's might. In his own words, came under the spell of London's "silent demonstration of solid wealth, dulet strength and en-

tablished flower."

Speaking of life in London, Dr.

Vorst tells the people of Berlin that he found London has changed little during the war beyond the darkening of its streets. Nowhere in the wared so little. In Berlin and Paris motorbuses have disappeared. But in London, even those that were sent over to France in the beginning of the war scale. But no such concession has been made in London. Furthermore, the stages of London are as lishes a despatch from New York, resplendent as ever, evening dress is common in the boxes and orchestra chairs, except for officers in uniform. and the restaurants have lost none of their elegance.

Conversations with Englishmen, continued the writer, show that the English themselves are dominated by

a cense of conscious power.
"This impression grows," he adds: "the more one talks with Englishmen. The hysterical behavior of certain English newspapers does not seem to me to reflect the nation's feelings in any way. On the contrary, I have always noticed a totally calm and objective attitude toward the whole business, for extravagant excitement is not a part of the nation-

al character. "So from my own experiences I am inclined to consider these last peace speeches in the House of Lords as a sign of this conscious power. The English people still feels itself strong enough for anything, and is consequently not afraid to have such speeches exploited as signs of weakness especially when they are an expression of what all nations without exception, want at the bottom of their breasts-peace."

HUN. GOVERNMENT GRAFTL London, Cable—The Morning Post's
London, Cable—The Morning Post's
Budapest correspondent, in a letter to his
newspaper published to-day, tells of a
speech made by Count Michael Karolyt,
President of the Hungarian Independence
Party, in the Hungarian Parliament, in
which he charged the Government with
corruption in winking at mechinations
of great bankers interested in raising the
price of food, and some members of the
Government with accepting the bribes.

AUGTRALIA'S COURSE APPROVED
Landon, Cable.—The English pends